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SUBJ: NIGERIA SEEKS EXPERT APPRAISAL OF COUNTRY'S
ELECTRICITY SYSTEM

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SUMMARY: FMG DESIRES STUDY BY ENTITY WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE.
PRIME OBJECTIVE IS SHORT-TERM MEASURES TO ELIMINATE FREQUENT
OUTAGES. REIMBURSEMENT AND LENGTH OF STUDY NEGOTIABLE.

2. WHEN NEITHER FONMIN NOR NIGERIAN ELECTRIC POWER AUTHORITY
(NEPA) CONTACTS COULD FURNISH DETAILS ON STUDY SOLICITED REFTEL,
EMBOFF CONTACTED PERMANENT SECRETARY CHEKELIEU AND PRINCIPAL
SECRETARY AKPIEYI, MINISTRY OF MINES AND POWER, WHO FURNISHED
FOLLOWING.

2. NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT (FMG) WANTS FREQUENT POWER OUTAGES
STOPPED SOONEST. THEY EMBASSASSING AND COSTLY. NEPA GENERAL
MANAGER FURNISHED REVIEW OF PROBLEMS REFTEL PARA 3. MINISTRY
WANTS ANOTHER VIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM A PUBLIC UTILITY OR
OTHER ENTITY WITH PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN ELECTRIC POWER FIELD.
A QUALIFIED PUBLIC SECTOR ENTITY IS ACCEPTABLE.

3. PRIMARY OBJECTIVE IS FINDING WAYS TO END REQUENT POWER
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OUTAGES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. ALSO WANTED IS REVIEW OF NEPA

DEVELOPMENT PLANS TO IDENTIFY FLAWS. IF THREE MONTHS NOT LONG ENOUGH LENGTH OF STUDY CAN BE NEGOTIATED. THE SEVERAL EARLIER STUDIES ARE LONG-TERM EFFORTS, NOT TROUBLE-SHOOTING STUDIES. CURRENT NEPA CONTRACTORS LACK RIGHT KIND OF EXPERIENCE FOR THIS STUDY. (ONTARIO HYDRO MAY POSSIBLY BE CONSIDERED INELIGIBLE ON CONFLICT OF INTEREST GROUNDS.)

4. MINISTRY OFFICIALS CONFIRMED THAT STUDY IS REIMBURSABLE. AFTER SEIZING UP SITUATION CONTACTOR EXPECTED NEGOTIATE PRICE.

5. OTHER COUNTRIES INVITED TO COMPETE FOR STUDY ARE FRANCE, JAPAN AND BRAZIL, LATTER BECAUSE IT IS CONDIDERED TO BE DEVELOPING COUNTRY WITH PROBLEMS SIMILAR TO NIGERIA'S.

6. WOULD APPRECIATE INTERIM RESPONSE REFTEL WITH GUIDANCE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION NEEDED.
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